

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1905.

ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE AND SPECIAL TRAINS.  
IN EFFECT JULY 1, 1902.

No. of Trains	Destination	No. of Trains	Departure
100	San Antonio	101	8:00 a. m.
102	San Antonio	103	11:00 a. m.
104	San Antonio	105	2:00 p. m.
106	San Antonio	107	5:00 p. m.
108	San Antonio	109	8:00 p. m.
110	San Antonio	111	11:00 p. m.
112	San Antonio	113	1:00 a. m.
114	San Antonio	115	4:00 a. m.
116	San Antonio	117	7:00 a. m.
118	San Antonio	119	10:00 a. m.
120	San Antonio	121	1:00 p. m.
122	San Antonio	123	4:00 p. m.
124	San Antonio	125	7:00 p. m.
126	San Antonio	127	10:00 p. m.
128	San Antonio	129	1:00 a. m.
130	San Antonio	131	4:00 a. m.
132	San Antonio	133	7:00 a. m.
134	San Antonio	135	10:00 a. m.
136	San Antonio	137	1:00 p. m.
138	San Antonio	139	4:00 p. m.
140	San Antonio	141	7:00 p. m.
142	San Antonio	143	10:00 p. m.
144	San Antonio	145	1:00 a. m.
146	San Antonio	147	4:00 a. m.
148	San Antonio	149	7:00 a. m.
150	San Antonio	151	10:00 a. m.

Mrs. Rosecrans is the father of a baby girl. The little one arrived last Wednesday.

Good pants made to order, \$7.00. 1511.

Henry Carter has sold the livery business which he has been carrying on at the Old Man corral to R. L. Steele and Fred Mitchell. These popular young men will, no doubt, do a good business.

The temperance lecture at the Methodist church last Sunday evening by Mrs. L. E. Bailey was well attended. The audience was well pleased with the lecture.

Mrs. E. D. Gilbert has sent her patent bird cage to the Chicago exposition. The cage is designed as a protection against cats, hawks or other enemies of birds and is a very ingenious arrangement.

There will be only eleven prisoners in the County jail besides the United States prisoners after those under sentences are taken to the penitentiary and the inmates are taken to Las Vegas. This is entirely too many but it is better than thirty or forty.

Judge McFie praised the grand jury very highly for the good work done this term and took a very encouraging view as to the future of Grant County, in his remarks just before discharging the jury for the term.

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The trial of William T. Witt for altering a brand was heard last week and resulted in his acquittal. This is one of the Pin Chisago cases of which several have been tried since the indictments were found. None of the defendants who have gone to trial have been convicted.

The grand jury found an indictment against W. Lee Thompson for the killing of L. L. Ancheta at San Lorenzo. Thompson's bail was fixed at \$7,000 which he promptly furnished and was released. The circumstances of the killing are still fresh in the memory of the people of this section.

A Mexican named Juan Ceson was run over and killed by a caboose on the Southern Pacific at Lordsburg last Thursday. He was standing on the track behind the caboose when the train backed up against the caboose and pushed it over the Mexican, cutting off both his legs.

Miss Nettie Munson, who has been teaching school at Lordsburg, closed a very successful term there last Friday. The Lordsburg people think that she is the best teacher they have ever had there.

At the council meeting yesterday the following city officers were elected: Frank J. Wright, city attorney; C. L. Cantly, marshal at \$75 a month and \$20 additional as health officer; J. W. Carter, treasurer; W. F. Lorenz, clerk; J. J. Rose, road supervisor; D. P. Carr, assessor. Mr. Carr's bid for doing the assessing was \$100 which is lower than the work has ever been done. The city printing was awarded to the Enterprise.

John R. McFie has made his parting address to the bar of Grant County as judge of this, the third, judicial district. In saying farewell to him the members of this bar and the people of Grant County have to regret the departure of one of the most affable, courteous and kindly hearted men that ever graced the bench of this district. Judge McFie has been greatly hampered in his work here by the lack of funds to carry on the courts and he has had to suspend work at times in the midst of pushing through a rush of business, but he has worked conscientiously night and day while he could, and has left a remarkably clean slate to his successor. While parting, with regret, from Mr. McFie as judge we hope to see him here again frequently on one side or the other of those many important cases which come before the court in Silver City and in which the reputation he has earned for himself will cause him to be retained.

Dick Hudson, Indian agent at Mesquite, is in this County on a leave of absence. He was here several days last week but went down to Hudson Springs last Thursday on business. He has given an opinion on the property to Chicago parties and it is believed that a sale is about to be consummated. Col. Hudson says that he has the Indians on the reservation well under control and that they have a larger acreage under cultivation this year than ever before. He believes in keeping them so busy that they will not have time to think about being dissatisfied.

The strike on the Santa Fe was declared off last week and a part of the strikers have been taken back into the shops. The others will now have an opportunity to look for jobs elsewhere as a result of the strike. The railroad company was put to a great deal of inconvenience and suffered considerable loss on account of the strike but the men who are out of employment have succeeded in inflicting themselves a great deal more than they have injured the railroad company and while they are out of employment they will have an opportunity to ponder over the subject of strikes in general.

Personal.

A. H. Morehead was in town yesterday.

Wm. Hancock was over from Hanover yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. White who has been visiting at Deming, has returned home.

J. B. Warren expects to go to Galveston in a few days.

Col. Fountain was up from Las Cruces last week in attendance at court.

Miss Maud Carvel went to California on a visit last week.

Henry Carter visited Deming last week. He went down on Thursday.

J. K. Metcalf was in town last week he was one of the witnesses in the case of the Territory vs. Witt.

Alva Mason, one of the old timers at Pinos Altos, was down yesterday with some gold bullion.

Robert Black will go to San Juan this week to assist in selecting a site for the agricultural experiment station.

R. G. Clarke returned to Deming last week, where he is engaged in assisting in winding up the affairs of the defunct bank.

Ex Sheriff Lockhart was in the city last week. He is one of the largest cattle dealers in this section.

Baggage Master Graham who has been in the employ of the Santa Fe here for some time will remove to El Paso this week.

Pat McKeefry who is the owner of one of the largest flocks of sheep in this part of New Mexico was in town from his ranch near Alamo last week. He returned Friday.

H. J. Hutchinson was over from Central last week in attendance at court. He was the main witness in the Central murder case.

J. J. Kelly who has been living in one of the Potter buildings on Ninth street, moved into the residence formerly occupied by Harry Lucas last Saturday.

List of Teachers of Grant County. For the benefit of the school boards of Grant County I publish the following list of names of persons who have obtained and now hold certificates under the school law of 1891, together with their post office address. Persons who have left the County, omitted:

Mary F. Lucas,	Silver City.
Miss Louise Moore,	"
Leona V. Anderson,	"
Teresa Eckstein,	"
Matilda R. Koehler,	"
Gertrude Scott,	"
Myrtle Bailey,	"
Mrs. M. E. Connor,	"
Mrs. W. L. Jackson,	"
Mrs. Grace Davenport,	"
Ins Loomis,	"
Maud Smith,	"
Ella Graham,	"
Mabel Miller,	"
Ira Muse,	"
Joan Whitehill,	"
Emma Roberts,	"
May R. Gaudin,	"
Jettie Gaudin,	"
Jennett Munson,	"
Francis Ott,	"
Mrs. Maud A. Fielder,	"
W. S. Pich,	"
Mrs. Anna M. Fitch,	Fort Bayard.
Mrs. Mattie Murray,	Georgetown.
W. H. Drake,	"
Sallie E. Ragsdale,	"
T. E. Parker,	"
Cora Derbyshire,	Pinos Altos.
Flora Derbyshire,	"
Gertrude Trevarrow,	"
May Webb,	"
Chas. Salked,	Lordsburg.
Maud Marshall,	"
Minnie Perry,	Hadley.
Miss Julie Stockwell,	Deming.
Alce Fullerton,	"
Geo. Selby,	"
Mary H. Thompson,	"
Mrs. R. W. Smith,	"
Middle Franks,	"
J. A. Spink,	Hudson.
John Trullie,	"
Homor Tarbell,	"
H. K. Rountree,	"
Wm. C. Potter,	Hachita.
J. C. Crowley,	Central.
W. H. Decker,	"
John Howard,	Gold Hill.
Geo. M. Smith,	Gila.
Mrs. Minnie Nelson,	Hanover.
Wm. R. Stanford,	Duncan, A. T.

After the June election a list of the different school boards will be published.

R. H. THURMANN, Supt. of Schools.

Mr. E. E. Hambleton, special agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, has just been awarded the prize offered by the general agent for New Mexico and West Texas to the special agent who should during the months of February and March write and deliver the largest amount of insurance. This is quite a feather in Mr. Hambleton's cap, as he had to compete with all the agents throughout the entire district of New Mexico and West Texas. The prize, too, is a substantial cash one, and the winner announces his intention to use the next one also. All of which goes to show that the people of this section of New Mexico, where Mr. Hambleton is at work, know the best company and patronize it.

Murray Jones.

Last Wednesday evening Rev. Father Moran married Mr. Wm. H. Murray, of Fort Bayard, and Miss Mattie Jones, of this city. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's father, George D. Jones, to which a large number of friends of the newly married pair had been invited. The bride is one of the most popular young ladies in Silver City and she will be missed in society circles here. The groom is a resident of Fort Bayard and has been in the mercantile establishment of H. Booth for some time where he holds a responsible position. After the reception was over Mr. and Mrs. Murray went to Fort Bayard where they will reside.

The Grand Jury Report.

The business before the grand jury was finished last Friday afternoon and the following report was submitted: Silver City, N. M., April 28, '05. To the Hon. J. R. McFie, District Judge.

Sir:

The grand jury selected for the present April term of court, having reached the conclusion of their labors, would submit the following report: We have carefully examined all the criminal cases brought before us, as well as those in which the accused parties were under bond, as those in which the accused were confined in the County jail, and we have returned true bills of indictment in all cases wherein the testimony warranted such action. In all cases where the testimony was weak and insufficient in our judgment to procure a conviction before the trial jury, we have made return of a bill found.

The district attorney, Mr. Ancebin, has been very prompt and attentive in the discharge of his duties before our body and has greatly aided us in the dispatch of the work we have had in hand. The committee appointed to examine into the various offices of the County and the conduct of the officers therein, have made to us a report which shows conditions as follows:

The probate judge's office is evidently in very careful hands and Judge Porterfield appears to be doing all in his power to clear up the work of his court and secure the settlement of matters which are pending there. He has called upon the administrators of numerous estates, the settlement of which has been long neglected, to come forward and make an accounting to the court; and in many instances has succeeded in procuring settlements long delayed. He is earnest and painstaking in his work and his court records are well kept.

The sheriff's office is certainly in excellent condition. It is in charge of a thorough, competent bookkeeper and accountant. Everything was made plain to the committee which compliments Mr. Laird upon the unusually fine showing made. A careful record is kept of each and every transaction, both in criminal and civil matters, and such a very detailed list at the present instant command of the sheriff and his clerical deputy, Mr. Sheridan. It is to be regretted that the unwise legislation of last winter which enabled taxpayers to postpone settlement has resulted in almost completely stopping collections. Sheriff Laird is doing all in his power to induce taxpayers to come forward and make settlement, but the great majority are only too anxious to avail themselves of the fact that their taxes do not come delinquent until next July. Our County would be in much better condition if property owners would be public spirited enough to come forward and pay their taxes at once.

The committee investigated the matter of the collection of what is called taxes illegally assessed and found that of such taxes Sheriff Laird has \$1,505.07. This entire amount of money he holds on special deposit, having a certificate for the same, and expresses the purpose to hold all such collections intact subject to the determination by the supreme court of the Territory of the question of the legality of these assessments.

The jail was found to be in a cleanly condition; prisoners well provided with food and clothing; the kitchen neat and clean. A leak in the roof of the court house should be repaired at once. The roof also needs painting and heavy wire screens should be put on all the jail windows and doors.

The following prisoners are now confined in said jail: 12 under sentence to penitentiary; 2 lunatics; 7 U. S. prisoners; 4 under indictment; 7 under sentence to serve in County jail.

An examination of the Treasurer's book shows that he has on hand, to the credit of all funds, a total of \$2,390.42. Of this amount he claims to have \$1,468.35 on deposit with the Silver City National Bank; \$315 in purchased railroad bonds and the balance, about \$500, he assures the committee he has in a box locked up in the bank vault.

The books in the Clerk's office are carefully kept and are models of neatness. All papers are securely filed in the vault and are carefully guarded. This is also true of all record books and other books of the office. The indexes are well kept up to date and there is no undue accumulation of papers filed for record. The Clerk, Mr. Young, seems to have everything at command and promptly and satisfactorily responded to all inquiries of the committee. His books show a balance of \$20,261.73 in the hands of the Treasurer. The indebtedness of the County is shown to be as follows:

Funding and refunding bonds	\$142,500.00
Deming & Pacific railroad bonds	67,000.00
Funding bonds of 1893	18,000.00
Funding bonds of 1892	10,000.00
Total	\$238,500.00

The committee found that the books show that the amount withheld by ex-Sheriff Lockhart on account of the items of illegally assessed taxes is \$10,000.00, less commissions. The books show ex-Treasurer Berg's total indebtedness to be \$12,197.62.

The board of County Commissioners appears to have neglected to make final adjustment and settlement with ex-Assessor Adair, and it is impossible to determine whether the County owes him or he owes the County.

The offices of Assessor and Superintendent of schools appear to be well conducted and all inquiries made were answered in a satisfactory manner. The committee appointed to examine into the condition and management of the Grant County and St. Joseph hospitals report as follows: Having carefully investigated these two praiseworthy institutions, we find them both in a clean condition, the patients being cared for in the very best manner. The revenue of the Grant County hospital from Feb. 11 to Apr. 11 '05 amounted to \$2,413.52; the expenditures, to \$6,579.98, leaving balance on hand of \$38.04. Grant

County hospital took care during that period of 70 patients of which 40 were charity and 30 paying patients. Discharged, 60; deaths, 13, leaving 7 patients to be cared for.

The receipts of the St. Joseph hospital from Jan. 1 '02 to Apr. 1 '05 amounted to \$3,250.33; the expenditures, \$3,218.75, leaving a cash balance of \$13.03. They took care of 86 patients of which 49 were charity and 37 paying ones. Discharged, 60; Deaths, 14, leaving 3 patients in the hospital. We also found that this hospital holds \$1,230.00 in unpaid Territorial warrants and have outstanding accounts amounting to about \$500.00. The accounts and books were in excellent shape and we were ably assisted by the ladies and sisters in our work for which the committee wishes to embody their thanks in this report.

A great deal of the valuable time of this grand jury has been taken up by petty grievances in the different departments of the court house, the County Commissioners complaining that the ex-sheriff and the present incumbent were withholding back taxes supposed to be illegally collected, and on the other hand the present Sheriff complaining that the commissioners were misapplying the current funds which should go toward defraying the current expenses of the County by paying interest on bonds which they have no lawful right to do. All of these questions, it seems to us, to be points of law which we have no power to settle or to bring an indictment on as there has been no criminal intent shown. We have had the district attorney and his associate counsel before us and they tell us that there is suit being brought at the next term of court which will settle this vexatious and troublesome question.

It is useless for us to repeat what has been done by almost every previous jury, namely, the crowding of the grand jury with every little, petty offense which should have been settled in the justice court; often incurring a great expense to the County by useless witnesses and great inconvenience to parties who do not wish to be kept from their homes. Another source of complaint has come up before this jury, namely, the official bonds of several of the most important officers; all of these questions have been called up in the closing hours of this grand jury, where, if we had the power to act, which we very much doubt, we would be detained for want of time, besides infringing on the prerogatives of your high judicial position. And as the judicial term of this court is nearing its close and the duties which this grand jury have been called together to perform have been done to the best of our ability, and before asking our discharge knowing that you are about to lay aside your robes of office, we, as a body, wish to join with your many friends in this community in wishing you a long, happy and prosperous life.

D. A. MARTIN, Foreman.

Mayor Fleming has received a letter from Gov. Thornton in which he states that he will be here in attendance at the Silver Convention.

A shipment of cattle was made by Col. Lockhart, during the strike on the Santa Fe. He shipped his cattle through Texas, hoping to get them to destination sooner than he would by waiting until the strike should be over on the Santa Fe but he found that there was a quarantine against Texas cattle and his cattle having been shipped through Texas, were Texas cattle so far as the quarantine law was concerned. The cattle will remain where they are for the present.

Mayor Fleming has sent a challenge to the El Paso firemen to come here and run against the Silver City team on the 4th of July. The Silver City team took the second prize at the Territorial fair last fall and would have taken the first prize if there had not been professional runners in the Albuquerque team from outside the Territory. The El Paso boys will have to do some good running if they beat the Silver City team.

Two unfortunates who have been confined in the County jail for some months as lunatics were brought into court last Thursday to be examined for the purpose of determining whether they were fit subjects for the insane asylum. One was inclined to be loquacious, while the other was reticent. The talkative fellow dwelt on the injustice of his imprisonment which he claimed was without authority of law. He said that he had property in Indiana and that he was a detective. When asked what salary he received for his services, he promptly informed his interrogator that it was none of his business. After he had presented his case to the judge he left the court room with the air of one who has done something very cute and is conscious of the fact. The other fellow could not be made to talk. Both were adjudged insane and will be taken to Las Vegas. As Grant County is entitled to but three patients at the insane asylum, the County will be entitled to but one more patient after these unfortunates are taken there.

Two young men at least will have reason to meditate on the swiftness of New Mexico justice to the Territorial penitentiary. After this term of court had nicely commenced these two young men conceived the idea of robbing the saloon of H. Ambler at Lordsburg. One of the fellows named Ernest Campbell did the work while Alfred Matthews watched on the outside for any signs of night walkers who might surprise them. The safe had been left unlocked and Campbell had no difficulty in securing the valuables it contained. There was about \$50 in cash, some watches, revolvers and sundry other articles of value. The boys were soon captured, brought here to jail, indicted and arraigned. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced to the penitentiary; Campbell for five years and Matthews for three years. The sentence was pronounced on the afternoon of the fourth day after the commission of the crime. This is as good as Jersey justice.

Mining and Milling.

Machinery for the big mill soon to be erected by the Confidence company at Silver Creek is being shipped out to the camp and work will soon be commenced on the building. A large number of men are at work on the road from the mine to the mill site and the foundation for the mill will be commenced soon. The manager expects to be able to treat ore in this mill considerably cheaper than ore has ever been treated in New Mexico. The mill will be large enough to treat ore economically and the power to run it will cost very little after the first cost of putting in the pipe and water wheel has been counted. The water pressure at the wheel will be over 200 lbs. to the inch and the wheel will furnish ample power to run all the machinery needed for the treatment of ore.

Jake Long, a miner who has spent many years in Pinos Altos camp and who has never lost faith in the camp, has made a good strike in a fractional claim between the Osceola and the Deep Down mines. Jake has worked in the Osceola for several years and has made a good living out of the proceeds of the ore which he has taken out, but finding that the fractional claim had been abandoned he relocated it and commenced work. He struck a vein of gold ore 10 inches wide which runs from \$35 to \$40 a ton. If the ore holds out for any considerable distance Jake will make a fortune out of his strike.

The entire property of the Carlisle Gold Company is advertised for sale to the highest bidder. This property is situated in the Carlisle district in this County and has produced about \$2,000.00 in gold. It was formerly owned by N. K. Fairbank, the Chicago millionaire, but was sold in December, 1895, to an English syndicate for about a million dollars. Dividends amounting to \$25,000 a month were declared for about two years and then the production of the mine began to fall off until it was finally abandoned in 1899. The mill at the mine was a sixty stamp mill, being the largest in the Territory, but it was closed down. The mill successfully treated ore which ran a little less than five dollars per ton which is believed to be the lowest grade ore ever handled successfully in New Mexico by a mill driven by steam power. The vein in the mine is 35 feet wide and the ore was mined at a very small cost so that the expense of milling was really the only item of importance in handling the ore. There were over 30 concentrators in the mill, the total daily capacity of which was considerably over a 100 tons of ore a day. It is believed by many that a better grade of ore would be found were the mine to be developed to a depth of say 1,000 feet. The ore in the upper levels of the mine paid a handsome profit and it is thought by many that the company encountered what miners call a "lean streak" in the mine and suspended operations because the ore taken out of that part of the mine did not pay to work. The mine is one of the best known gold properties in New Mexico but it is doubtful whether there will be many bids for the property.

Some of the handsomest silver specimens ever seen in this place were exhibited last week by D. C. Hobart who is getting a mineral exhibit together for this County for the World's fair. Most of the exhibit has been sent to Chicago by freight but two fine silver specimens were sent last week by express. They came from the Dimmock Bros' Silver Cell mine near Pinos Altos. The two specimens weighed about 40 pounds and showed a streak of native silver about two inches wide which was purer than United States silver coin. An assay showed the silver in this streak to be 920 fine. One of the specimens sent was about sixteen inches in length and showed the vein matter on each side of the native silver. It will be difficult to find specimens of richer native silver than these and thousands of visitors will open their eyes in wonder at the richness of these specimens from Grant County. The Silver Cell mine shows this rich streak clear across the shaft at the depth of 70 feet and about a ton of the ore has been taken out.

Preparations are being made to work the mines in the Cook's Peak district this summer on a more extensive scale than they have yet been worked. If the present price of lead is maintained, and there seems to be a scarcity of lead in the country at the present time, the output of the mines there will be larger than ever before. Large bodies of ore are in sight now and there is considerable development work being done on both sides of the ridge.

Go to the Vienna Bakery, Coffee and Chophouse.

A. 1 wholemeat bread, 6c. per loaf; pure coffee with bread and butter or cake, 10c. Good meals from 15c. up. You can eat well and cheap and of the very best the market affords at reasonable figures. 1511.

The Southwest Silver Convention.

The time for holding the Southwest Silver Convention is drawing near and the committees are doing everything in their power to make the convention a success. It is now certain that the attendance will be large and the prospects are good for a number of prominent speakers to be here and address the convention. Miners in all parts of the Territory are taking a deeper interest in the coming convention than they took in either of the conventions previously held because they now see the necessity for prompt and concerted action.

Under the present condition of affairs they see that the silver interests are in jeopardy and they are willing to lend a helping hand to insure the success of the convention.

From almost every camp in New Mexico come words of encouragement and assurance that the camp will be represented at the convention. Silver City will do her share and the mining camps and towns will make the July convention one of benefit to all concerned.

The Peak Sisters.

The ladies of the M. E. Church gave an entertainment at Morrill Hall last Tuesday evening which was highly appreciated. The first part of the programme was made up of recitations and music. "Angels are Watching us," was well sung by Rev. Fitch and Mr. Koehler. Mrs. Lucas recited "Little Stevie" in a manner which pleased the audience very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton sang that old favorite duet "Hear Me, Norma." It was well rendered.

Miss Koehler recited the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" in good style.

The solo "Man the Life Boat" by Rev. Fitch merited the praise of the entire audience.

The second part of the entertainment was quite amusing. At the appearance of the Peak Sisters the audience smiled out loud.

Miss Roberts was the lecturer and chaperone and did admirably. Mrs. Atkins, the poetess, furnished considerable fun for the audience and played her part well.

Mrs. Lucas recited a medley all of which was familiar to the audience. It was well done.

Miss Dee Moore was the junior member and acted her part well.

The part of vocalist was taken by Miss Nora Alexander who did splendidly.

Mrs. J. F. Koehler as pantomimist acted the part of the mute to perfection.

Miss Josie Whitehill as the belated traveler was one of the best characters in the entertainment, while Miss Mable Upton did justice to the part of the laughing sister. Mrs. Loomis appeared in the character of an old maid and recited "The Milk Maid."

Mrs. L. B. Morrill was pianist for the evening and did well as she always does. The opening piece was very good and was highly appreciated.

The Call of the Southwest Silver Convention and Mass Meeting of Miners.

Silver City, N. M., Apr. 17, '05. In obedience to the will and instructions of the Southwest Silver Convention and mass meeting of miners held in El Paso, Texas, on the 4, 5, 6, 7, of December 1892, your executive and sub-committee, charged with the duty of perpetuating the annual assemblage of the miners of the southwest do in virtue of the authority vested in them, announce that the third annual southwest silver convention and mass meeting of miners will convene in Silver City on the 4th and 5th of July, 1905, at 9 a. m.

Miners are urged to be present and to otherwise lend their assistance to a cause which now, if ever, requires friends and advocates.

JOHN W. FLEMING, Chairman Executive Committee.

Grass has started nicely but unless there is rain soon it will begin to dry up. The winds of the past two weeks have dried the surface of the ground and there is little moisture at the grass roots now. A rain now would do a great deal of good but some of the old weather prophets say that we may expect very little rain before July.

Mineral Patents.

We are informed by the register and receiver of the Las Cruces land office, that all the old defective mineral entries have been put in condition to permit the general land office at Washington, D. C., to speedily pass them to patent.

The local officers at Las Cruces have the mineral division in such condition that they are now in shape to give such time to the examination of mineral entries as to enable the mineral applicants to get their entry papers in perfect form, and to warrant the assurance that a mineral patent will be issued promptly, without the vexatious delays formerly encountered. Those who have valuable mining claims in this land district which remain unpatented should now proceed to make an effort to have them patented and acquire an absolute title for them. A valid title to a valuable mining claim is the first prerequisite a would-be purchaser requires, if the mineral is of such quality as to attract an investor.

Judge Graham's final revolt against the party at whose birth he had assisted came during the last campaign. He announced his intention of voting for Grover Cleveland in the following letter, dated October 27, 1901